

Giants Break Even With Braves — Yankees Defeat Red Sox

'Steamer Al Demaree Saves McGraw Men in Beantown

Braves Pound Benton's Slants in First Game, but Have Lots of Trouble With Offerings of Right-Hander—Heinie Zimmerman Makes a Timely Triple

BOSTON, Sept. 13.—The last finishing touches to the 1917 National League pennant were deftly administered at Braves' Field to-day, when the pacesetter Giants divided a bargain day attraction with the Braves. New York has yet not clinched the title to the satisfaction of an occasional mathematical mind—say, like that of Al Munro Elias—but, with only eighteen games remaining, the Gothamites lead the pack by ten and a half games. The mathematical clincher is at best but a few days removed.

The Giants continued to-day in that uncertain way which, in the light of the present safe lead, must remain one of the puzzles of the present campaign. In the first game Boston handed the Gothamites a most artistic trimming, shutting them out by a score of 7 to 0. New York came back in the second contest to outgame and outfight the home team to a 1 to 0 decision. It has often been said that luck breaks with a winner. Maybe the Giants were a bit lucky to get an even split. They got only three hits to five for Boston in the good-night number, but these hits were all timely and of the long-distance variety.

Nehf and Ragan Fail
Steamer Al Demaree, who took Nehf and Ragan over the jumps, atoned to a large degree for whatever faults were apparent in the first battle. Two weeks ago he was generally conceded that McGraw had three most dependable southpaws for world's series purposes. It was then believed he had no right hander worthy of the name. But what a difference one short fortnight sometimes makes.

Two of those supposedly invincible southpaws—Sam Salts and Rube Renick—have been rather wobbly and erratic in their late starts. It was Renick who was clubbed to-day for seven runs while Dick Rudolph was blanking the Giants.

But as happened earlier when the Sheriff fell by the wayside, a new right-hander loomed up. It was Demaree, of course. This fellow had been somewhat of a keen disappointment since losing the Cubs. He never showed to being the advantage that against the Braves to-day's second game. His return to form, following to closely upon the reformation of big left Leever, should be more reassuring to Giant supporters than anything that has helped the New York cause in the last month. Pell Peritt has been on razor edge for several weeks.

Giants' openings against Rudolph were few and far between. Robertson beat a punt in the first inning, but was doubled off first when Kauff lined to Rehg. Zimmerman doubled to left center with none out in the second. Fletcher and J. Smith both struck out. Heke rolled to Rawlings after Zim had stolen third base. Burns was caught stealing after he hit safely with two down in the third.

Demaree opened the fifth with a single to left. Kelly muffed Benton's fly starting the sixth. But George Burns hit into a double play. The single to left, which was the only other hit to get on.

Red Smith Doubles
Boston meanwhile grabbed Benton for a run in the second. Konechey walked and scored on Red Smith's double. The latter was caught at third when he tried to stretch the hit. Another came in the third on singles by Meyers and Rehg, sandwiched round Rudolph's sacrifice. In the seventh Konechey doubled and J. C. Smith was hit by a pitch. Kelly hit to center field for a home run.

Boston's two runs of the eighth came after two were out. Powell beat a punt and stole second. Konechey doubled to left, scoring him. Konechey walked and scored on a single by J. C. Smith.

The Giants got the jump on Nehf in the second game. Burns inaugurated the entertainment with a triple to right. Thorpe walked. Kauff fouled to Konechey. White, fifth, was the only other hit to get on.

Giants Win in Sixth
The Giants won out in the sixth. Burns struck out, but Jim Thorpe, after being in the hole, waited for his base. He was forced at second when Kauff hit to the box. Heinie Zimmerman slipped to right field for the deciding out.

The Braves made a great demonstration against Demaree in the ninth inning, but Al Perfecto pitched himself out of trouble. The pitcher first got in bad by hitting Marcelline. Powell flied to Fletcher. Then Konechey singled to center, sending the Rabbit to third. Schreiber hit wickedly to the box. It seemed a sure base hit, but Demaree seemed went after the ball and nailed it with a lucky stab.

He was excited thereby to try Marcelline between third and the plate. While the Rabbit was being run down Konechey took third and Schreiber second. Kelly walked, filling the bases. Rawlings saved the day when he popped weakly to Fletcher.

Holds Cardinals
To Only Four Hits
ST. LOUIS, Sept. 13.—Cooper allowed St. Louis but four hits to-day and Pittsburgh took the last game of the series, 2 to 1. The visitors won in the sixth. King doubled and took third on a single by Carey. On an attempted double steal King scored while Carey was being thrown out at second.

The score:
PITTSBURGH IN 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R H E
Pittsburgh 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0
St. Louis 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Totals 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0
*Batted for Black in the ninth inning.
Pittsburgh: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 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